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TITLE OF INVENTION SPATIO-TEMPORAL PROCESSING FOR COMMUNICATION

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
**08/921,633**

Applicant(s)  
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Examiner  
**Chieh M. Fan**

Group Art Unit  
**2734**



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 5/9/00

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 266, 270-284, 288-302, and 311

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☒ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_

☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on Apr 21, 2000, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. In view of the papers filed 11/23/1998 (PTO Papers #10 and #11), the inventorship in this nonprovisional application has been changed by the deletion of Vincent K. Jones and Michael Pollack.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of the file jacket and PTO PALM data to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

### ***Drawings***

2. The proposed drawing correction and/or the proposed substitute sheets of drawings, filed on 4/21/00 have been approved by the examiner.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

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3. Claims 266, 270-284, 288-302, and 311 are allowed and they have been renumbered.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding to claims 266, 270-284 and 288-302, the prior art of record does not teach the step of providing one or more spatial directions for the communication defined by corresponding weightings among the channel outputs wherein each output bin has at least one associated spatial direction, said weightings defining said one or more spatial directions so that each spatial direction corresponds to communication via more than one channel output. Regarding to claim 311, the prior art does not teach or suggest, alone, or in a combination, the limitations of a channel estimation processor as recited in claim 311.

### ***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chieh M. Fan whose telephone number is (703) 305-0198. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin, can be reached on (703) 305-4714.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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**Or:**

(703) 308-6743 (for informal or draft communications, please label  
"PROPOSED" or "DRAFT")

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

Chieh M. Fan  
May 17, 2000



STEPHEN CHIN  
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